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Interview Summary

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Alicia M Harrington.

(3) Carolyn Baumgardner.

(2) Ricky Mack.

(4) _____.

Date of Interview: 21 May 2003.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: Kaneko.


Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

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Examiner's signature, if required

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Mrs. Baumgardner discussed the merits of the invention. In particular, she explained that applicants invention is based on changing the "braking characteristics" of the lens which means the predetermined/factory stops in the lens design is changed by an input from the lens or user. Mrs. Baumgardner believes Kaneko, the art of record, doesn't enable changing of the braking characteristics. The Examiner contends Kaneko does change the braking characterists when changing between the different zoomings. However, upon filing a response to the non final action, the Examiner will consider Mrs. Baumgardner discussion of the invention as it relates to changing of the "braking characteristics" .